

Communication Network Conference Call - July 3, 2007

Communication Network

Conference call Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at 11 a.m. (eastern).
Call-in number: 765-496-8419

Attendees:

Jimmy Dean
Peter Ganache
John Hassell
Russ Evans
Brian Lindley
Pawel Wiatrak
Randy Raper
Randall Reeder
Blair McClinton
Jeff Mitchell
Karen Scanlon

Agenda:

Review meeting at Southern Conservation Agricultural Systems Conference
Review discussions of last call and updates on ongoing efforts
Discuss and further refine goals
Discuss possible dates/locations for meeting

Summary:

SCAS Conference

Karen Scanlon, Brian Noyes, Jeff Mitchell, Jimmy Dean, Randy Raper, Wayne Reeves and John Hassell represented the communication network at the conference. We introduced the idea to the steering committee and received positive feedback. Several folks in attendance signed up to join the network. They have been added to the contact list; a revised list is attached.

Updates

CTIC has added the discussion forum to the web page.

http://conservationinformation.org/?action=learningcenter_commnetwork

Additional information will be added and group information will be updated in the coming weeks.

Review of goals discussion from last call

Not everyone had received or reviewed the summary from the June call. A copy of the summary will be attached. Please review the draft goals and make comments via the discussion forum prior to the next call. Question to consider: Are these goals appropriate for a network that spans Canada, US and Mexico?

Who else needs to be involved?

Soil Conservation Council of Canada was suggested. Peter will provide contact information. A suggestion was made to invite precision ag groups to join the network. In the discussion that followed, several people seemed in agreement that the focus of the network is producer-led

groups, rather than precision ag research. A suggestion was made that it may be more appropriate to reach out to precision ag groups later on, after the network has grown and established itself.

Possible dates/locations for in-person meeting of network

Have annual meeting that rotates among members' events?

Organization	Meeting Date	Location
Direct Seeding Conference	Nov. 21-22, 2008	Edmonton, Alberta
Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Assn.	Jan. 23-24, 2008	Kennewick, Wash.
No-Till on the Plains	Jan. 29-30, 2008	Salina, Kan.
Alberta Reduced Tillage LINKAGES	Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1, 2008	Edmonton, Alberta
Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association	Feb. 12-13, 2008	Regina, Sask.
Conservation Tillage Conference	Feb. 21 – 22, 2008	Toledo, Ohio

California CT Work Group will have its 10th Anniversary meeting next year; no specific date has yet been set.

Or, meet at a national meeting where several folks are likely to attend?

National No-tillage Conference, Jan 9-12, 2008 in Cincinnati
 National Farm Machinery Show, Feb. 13-16, 2008 Louisville

Or have our own meeting focused exclusively on the communication network?

Karen will investigate possible meeting times and locations. Suggested time frame is early to mid December.

The group will discuss this during the next conference call.

NEXT CALL

August 7, 2007 at 11 am (eastern)
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